

Helen Elizabeth Virginia Glass Austin



Helen Elizabeth Virginia Glass Austin, 95, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 8, following a multi-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Helen is now reunited with her beloved husband, Harold, who passed away almost exactly seven years prior. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary, and her siblings, Lola Levy, Frank Glass and Alma Glass.

She will be greatly missed by her children, Mary Chase Vines, Debbie Ramey, Lee Austin and his wife, Nancy; grandchildren, Donna Turner, Mark Vines, Scott Vines, David Ramey, Ashlea Ramey, Kristina Scott and Kimberly McClain; many great-grandchildren – the youngest two of whom were born in the wake of her passing – and numerous special nieces and nephews.

Born in Clinchco, Virginia, Helen was deeply connected to her faith. A longtime member of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Helen was an active and involved parishioner, serving in the church's choir and handbell program, teaching Sunday school, leading the youth program, participating in circles and the Sanctuary Guild and working as the church secretary.

Helen's feisty and high-energy personality were well known to those around her; in addition to her job at Waverly Road Presbyterian, she worked in the office at the former Parks-Belk Department Store until her retirement, and she was an active participant in school events for all her children through all grade levels. She was also an avid volunteer, giving her time and energy to local schools, churches and hospitals.

The family extends special thanks to Caris Healthcare and Asbury Center at Steadman Hill for their constant and loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Helen's memory to Waverly Road's music program. Please call 423-247-5121 for donation instructions.

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church 1415 Waverly Road Kingsport, TN 37664

A Celebration of the Life of Helen Elizabeth Virginia Glass Austin

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March 19, 2022

11:00am



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for
Helen Elizabeth Virginia Glass Austin

PRELUDE "The Church in the Wildwood"
Richard Miles

SEATING OF FAMILY

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 834** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy whose loving kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we have cared for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.

Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others; heal us from the pain of self-condemnation; free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected; renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC "I'll Be Seeing You"
Julie Vogel

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HOMILY

***HYMN 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

REMEMBRANCE

***COMMENDATION**

***BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF FAREWELL**
"May the Road Rise to Meet You"
(Please see insert)

***POSTLUDE** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Wilbur Held



Minister: Rev. Collin Blair Adams
Organist: Susan Whipple

**Those who are able, please stand*

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind blow at your back,

May the sun shine warmly on your face,

May the rain fall softly on your field;

And until we meet again, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.